(ग) क्या कम से कम बडोदरा-अहमदाबाद, बडोदरा-गोधरा और बडोदरा-सूरत के बीच द्रुत परिवहन व्यवस्था लागू करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ङ) क्या बडोदरा जंक्शन पर तिहरी लाइन बिछाने के लिए विभागीय प्रबंधक द्वारा कोई आवेदन सरकार को प्रेषित किया गया है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी नहीं। बहरहाल उपनगरीय परिवहन योजना शहरी मामले एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय के अंतर्गत आती है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) बडोदरा जंक्शन पर तीसरी लाइन का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(च) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

"पासवान जी देखिए क्या सीन है" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार

1996. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 15 जून, 1997 के "राष्ट्रीय सहारा" के मुख्य पृष्ठ पर "पासवान जी देखिए क्या सीन है" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है तथा इस संबंध में सरकार ने तत्काल प्रभाव से क्या कदम उठाए हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) जी हां।

(ख) समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित रिपोर्टों सहित समय-समय पर प्राप्त होने वाली शिकायतों की सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा विधिवत जांच पड़ताल की जाती है तथा निवारक कार्यवाही की जाती है। जिसमें शिकायत के लिए उत्तरदायी कर्मचारी के विरुद्ध कार्यवाही करना भी शामिल है। 1994-95 तथा 1995-96 के दौरान क्रमशः 2407 तथा 2252 रेल कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई की गई थी। समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित इस विशिष्ट घटना के संबंध में उत्तर रेल द्वारा तत्परता से जांच की गई तथा किसी भी रेल कर्मचारी को प्रथम दृष्टया दोषी नहीं पाया गया। यात्री सुविधाओं के लिए अलग धनराशि की व्यवस्था करके कार्यक्रमों के आधार पर स्टेशनों पर यात्री सुविधाओं में सुधार लाने/उन्हें सुचारू बनाने हेतु निरन्तर प्रयास भी किए जाते हैं।

Procurement of newspapers for passengers

1997. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Lunch, Dinner as well as newspapers are supplied to the passengers in the various Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains as per the order of the Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the newspapers are procured by the Railways from the bookstall contractors at the train originating station or from an intermediate station;

(c) whether as per the instructions contained in the Ministry's letter No. 89/TG1/10/50 dated: 25th February, 1997 and separate agreement is executed with the Book Stall contractors by the Railways; and

(d) if not, the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. At some Stations.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Higher rates charged by new stalls at railway stations

1998. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of new stalls are being allotted by the Chief Traffic Manager, Delhi to the

companies of Pepsi, Brooke Bond and Coca Cola etc. on the platforms at Delhi and New Delhi stations in place of Railway's built stalls;

(b) whether they have been allowed to sell the Tea, Coffee and other eatables on higher rates to the passengers against the prescribed rates fixed by the Railway Board; and

(c) whether any enquiry has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Manufacturing of Tank Wagons

1999. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Oil pipeline scare triggers shift in Railways policy" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 17th July, 1997 if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of tank wagons manufactured by railways and the actual requirement thereof annually in the country;

(c) what are the details of own your wagon scheme and in what manner the scheme is regulated; and

(d) whether the matter has been taken up by his Ministry with Petroleum Ministry about the stalemate so created due to new proposals of oil pipelines?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir; tank wagon procurement policy is formulated based on the actual demand for rail movement of POL products.

(b) Tank wagons are not manufactured by railways. Actual requirement of tank wagons is assessed on an year to year basis and orders placed on wagon builders.

(c) Under Own Your Wagon Scheme investments are invited from bulk users and financing/leasing companies for ownership of wagons in units of trains. The wagons can be procured either through the Indian Railways or directly from approved wagon builders. According to their needs, owners enter into agreements with the Indian Railways under different categories of the Scheme. They are either paid lease charges on the investments made or are accorded the benefit of a mutually agreed freight rebate thereof. The lessor/user is also given a guarantee for transportation of a specified quantity of traffic for a specific period.

The working of the scheme is regulated by an agreement between the lessor and the lessee in whcih the terms and conditions of the scheme are set out along with mutual responsibilities and obligations with appropriate default clauses.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Issue of Platinum Pass

2000. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the Railway Board who are entitled for 'Gold Pass' for rail journey have now upgraded their entitlement to 'Platinum Pass';

(b) who are the other dignitaries in the country entitled for Platinum Pass; and

(c) the sanctioning authority for 'Platinum Pass' and whether the Railway Board members had taken such sanctions?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Ministry of Railway have introduced Platinum Pass for Members of Railway Board.

(b) Only Railway Board Members are entitled to Platinum Pass.